

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of updating stored firmware of an imaging device having a first communication port connectable with a computer or network for receiving information and a second communication port for reading information from a portable memory source, the method comprising:

- accepting a connection from the portable memory source at the second communication port;
- accessing files stored on the portable memory source; and
- updating the stored firmware with at least one of the files stored on the memory source.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising recognizing the portable memory source upon connection with the second communication port.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising generating an interruption signal upon connection of the portable memory source with the second communication port.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising periodically polling for connection of the portable memory source at the second communication port.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising searching the portable memory source for files.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein said files are all files that can be read by the imaging device.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein said files are files containing only firmware updates.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 5, further comprising automatically selecting a file to update firmware.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 5, further comprising presenting the files found in the search to a user.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving at least one selection from a user, said at least one selection corresponding to at least one of the files to update firmware.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 8, further comprising verifying the contents of the selected file prior to updating the firmware.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting at least one of the files on the portable memory device to update the firmware.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said connection between the portable memory device and the second communication port is a direct connection.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said connection between the portable memory device and the second communication port is an indirect connection.

Claims 15-33 (canceled)